<u>Remarks</u>

Claims 16-28 are at issue. Claims 16-28 are allowable. Claims 29-38 have been cancelled.

Because of the length of time that the present application has been in process, the applicants have elected to have the allowable claims issue. The applicants are reserving the right to file a continuation on the non-allowable claims since no prior art other the XML standard has been cited against them.

The application has been placed in condition for allowance, prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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